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Dear Sir,

Many of the proposed dam projects currently being considered by your office are based on broad generalizations and do not fully take advantage of more recent and applicable water conservation methods.

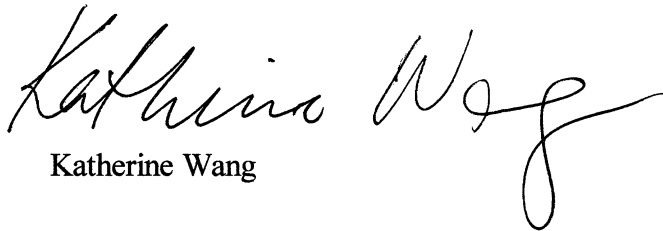
My greatest concerns lie with those projects which should not even be considered, but are repeatedly submitted to your office for approval. Proposed dams such as the Auburn dam on the American River and the Shasta dam on the Sacramento River either violate existing laws regarding environmental protection or have already been rejected by Congress.

To ensure that such projects do not slip through the cracks, an independent panel should be formed to create new methodologies to be used for the projections of water usage which will be included in the upcoming 2003 plan. Additionally, approved projects should make every effort to be cost effective as well as charging those individuals who benefit directly from the project and not just levying a blanket tax.

I urge you to consider the many viable and proven water conservation efforts already in use before green-lighting new dam projects which are superfluous. Please consider the opinion of this concerned citizen when ratifying the 2003 State Water Plan.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Katherine Wang

